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## PITTMAN IS ELECTED PRESIDENT COFFEE CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION

J. E. Pittman, of Enterprise, who has been a member of the Coffee County Board of Education for the past two years, was elected president of that body at its last meeting, held in Elba, recently. He succeeds Earl Bonadon, whose term on the board has expired. A. M. Chapman was named vice president of the board and two recently elected members, J. O. English, of Elba, and Carl Brooks, of Enterprise, assumed their places.

Mr. Pittman, since coming on the board, has been a very active member and has made a thorough study of the educational problems that confront Coffee County. As president of the board he will bring to it an administrative capacity that is unquestioned and which augurs well for the future progress of education in the county.

Mr. Pittman announces that in the future the regular meetings of the board will be held on the last Friday in each month. All who expect to have business with that body may bear this announcement in mind.

NOTICE

The heirs of M. B. Ward will offer for sale the Public Auction in front of Courthouse in Elba, Ala., on January 4, 1929, between the hours of 11:00 and 12:00 o'clock A. M. the following property located in Coffee County: N. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4, N. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4, less one acre in S. E. Corner of N. W. 1/4, together with the appurtenances thereto, belonging, Sec. 14, Township 7, Range 20, containing 219 acres more or less. This property is located 12 miles north of Elba, Ala., and two miles West of Double Head School House and contains a three-room farm in cultivation. This sale is for the purpose of division of said estate of M. B. Ward, deceased, the several heirs. The heirs of M. B. Ward having agreed that they will sell the several and jointly agreed to sell said.

Signed: J. M. WARD, J. W. WARD, J. W. WARD.

13-20-27 For Heirs of M. B. Ward

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of Elba Bank & Trust Company in its Office in Elba, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1929, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank for the year 1929, and attending to such other business as might properly come before the stockholders.

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PHONOGRAPHS, RECORDS  
**DANLEY, EVERS & JORDAN**  
Everything In Furniture  
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**Merry Christmas**  
We Have the Most Complete Line of  
**CANDIES**  
Ever Seen in Elba.  
JACOBS, NUNNALLY'S, JOHNSTON'S  
As well as Montag's Fancy Stationery, Toilet Arti-  
cles, and Gift Specialties

**BULLARD DRUG STORE**  
May Your Christmas  
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Be Happy

Selections For All The Family  
You need go no farther.  
In our store you will find suitable gifts for  
every member of the family.

May We Show Them To You?  
**BONNEAU-JETER HARDWARE CO.**

**Compliments of the Season**  
Headquarters For Gifts That Count  
LET US SHOW THEM TO YOU  
Toys, Dolls, and Christmas Specialties  
Dry Goods and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear  
**WHITE & COMPANY**  
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The Most Up-To-Date  
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In This Section  
EUGENE PERMANENT WAVES  
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STATION

## HOW BOUTWELL FAMILY DIED IN EDINBURG, TEXAS

WELL KNOWN FAMILY OF THIS SECTION SUFFOCATED BY GAS FUMES WHILE IN THEIR BEDS ASLEEP

The following article from the Edinburg Valley Review tells how Alonzo Boutwell, his wife and three children met death in that town:

A family of five was wiped out some time after 12 o'clock Saturday morning at the Red Wing Tourist Camp on the north outskirts of Edinburg when Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Boutwell, about 35 and 29 respectively, formerly of near Troy, Ala., and their three children, Helen 9, Gerald 7, and Doris 5, were suffocated to death.

Both doors and all windows in the small room in which the family was sleeping were tightly closed and the even to the gas stove burning when they were found by C. F. Montgomery, manager and part owner of the tourist camp, who entered the Boutwell apartment and discovered the tragedy shortly after noon Saturday, when neighbors had become alarmed over the continued absence of the family.

Water was dripping from the ceiling and the walls were damp with sweat from the lack of oxygen that had been used up by the burning flame and the sleeping people.

No gas was escaping in the room, it was ascertained by C. L. Hampton, gas inspector, who was called to check over the pipes soon after the deaths were discovered.

When Mr. Montgomery entered the room the man and wife were lying completely covered on the floor, and the three children on army cots at the foot of the bed. No sign of a struggle was in evidence, although the body of the boy was out from under the cover and his legs were drawn up.

All members of the family were partially dressed as if they were sleeping when they went to bed.

The room the family was sleeping in is about 12 by 14 feet and little air could get in between the small cracks in the walls. The kitchen, a small room adjoining and connecting with the bed room contained the lighted stove. The room was very hot when the people were found.

The family had been dead several hours, according to Justice of Peace Pat Haley, who held the inquest. Rigor mortis had set in before they were found, he said.

The people came here from near Troy, Ala., where they belonged to a prominent and well known family according to B. H. Polmar, who knew the family in Edinburg, where he owns a tract of land, and L. M. Coate, land salesman of Wetmore, who is an old friend of the family, having considered them of Clark county, Ala.

The Boutwell family had made all arrangements to start building a home on a 40-acre tract of land three miles east on the highway, and one mile north. An initial payment on the lumber had been made to the Great Lumber Company for the house and John F. Lucas, carpenter, had constructed for the work.

The house was to be built at a cost of about \$3,000, according to Lucas, and work on the garage was to have been started Monday if the weather cleared enough. The family planned to move to the place as soon as possible and had also ordered 2,200 citrus trees to be set out on the land.

A new Ford roadster with a 1929 Alabama license plate on it was sitting in the garage and was the car the family had come to Texas in. It had been purchased in Elba, Ala.

## QUINN HONORED

I. T. Quinn, State Commissioner of Game and Fisheries, was recently significantly honored by being elected president of the National Game Conservation conference comprising thirteen national conservation organizations and the United States and Canada, game breeders, sportsmen and scientists.

Low third grade at Sam Houston school on Dec. 3, according to school records, and was 9 years old. The transfer report card was from Evergreen, Ala.

When found, the woman had several heated rocks made into a foot-warmer in the end of the bed and, according to occupants of the camp, was known to have been suffering from malaria fever, and often had had a chill that night. This was given as one of the probable reasons for the burning stove.

Several of the neighbors said that between 12 and 1 o'clock Saturday morning they heard the children cry and one said that Mr. Boutwell had knocked on the wall and told the children to "keep quiet and go to sleep." Soon after this neighbors said they heard the man get up and go to the kitchen. It is thought that he lighted the oven at this time. W. H. Beble, who lived two doors from the family, said that this was a short time after midnight.

The family usually got up early, according to Mr. Montgomery, and Albert Paulky, joint owner of the camp, and when they failed to get up Saturday morning and no sound came from the apartment, he decided to investigate. The door was unlocked and Mr. Montgomery entered the house about 12 o'clock. Both doors were tightly closed and all the windows were down, he stated.

He said he could see that the people were dead at a glance and closed the door and notified the gas inspector. The family had been dead several hours and nothing could be done. Pat Haley, justice of the peace, turned in a verdict of death by suffocation.

A coroner's jury took the bodies to the undertaking parlor where they are being prepared for burial.

A wife was sent to Frank T. Polmar, banker at Troy, who notified relatives of the family near Troy. The bodies will be sent to Troy for burial Sunday night.

The 40-acre tract of land owned by the family was purchased by Dixon Boutwell, the dead man's father, who was in the Lower Rio Grande Valley three years ago, it was said. He made another trip to this section of the country in 1927. The senior Boutwell dropped dead of heart failure at his home in Alabama last June and the property was willed to the four children.

Men's fine suits, now going at \$14.95 each. May's-Vaughn Mercantile Company.

**Christmas Cheer and a Happy New Year**

**ALWAYS**  
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Insure with The Hartford  
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Field Agent

**Whitman's Christmas Candies**  
CIGARS in Holiday Boxes  
Fountain Pen and Pencil Sets  
STATIONERY  
PERFUME SETS  
BILL FOLDS  
GLASS WARE  
TOILET WATER  
POWDER

**WHITMAN DRUG COMPANY**

## GRAVE PROBLEM YET UNSOLVED AT CAPITOL

With the arrival of cold weather, one of the greatest problems in the functioning of the machinery of state government has reached the acute stage. It is a problem which has baffled officials who have grappled with and solved weighty matters of finance and administration. It has not been known to shrink from this particular task in hopeless despair.

The problem is how to regulate the heat and ventilation in the historic capitol building so as to suit all the varied tastes of the numerous legislative employees. It has not been solved, and there is grave doubt whether it ever will be.

"In my office," moaned a certain department head, who insisted that his name be withheld, "we have 18 separate and conflicting opinions on the proper distribution of heat and air. There are three men in the office, who are satisfied with anything, and 17 women, all with divergent and irreconcilable views. I am appealed to daily by distressed members of the conflicting factions, the fresh air advocates and those who dread a draught, until my life is miserable. I see no hope for a solution and am frankly despairing."

"Some of the ladies in my office want the windows up, some want them down; others hold that the windows should be closed at the bottom and opened at the top, and others are vice versa. Some assert that 18 inches at the top and 12 at the bottom of windows is the proper ventilation, others demand a greater or lesser amount. Some freeze if the door is left open, others faint if it is closed. Some want the door wide open, contending that a direct breeze is healthful, to others this breeze is a deadly draught and they will be satisfied only with the door slightly opened. Then there are the varying opinions as to the amount of heat that should be turned on, and the temperature of the room."

The same official expressed the belief that the woman of today dresses too lightly for sedentary occupations. The present styles of feminine garb may be all right when the wearer is engaged in outdoor work, but otherwise on the move, but they are inadequate in cases where the woman works in an office, sitting at a desk for hours, in the opinion of this masculine observer. An instance was recently reported where one of the feminine workers at the capitol was seen on the job attired in a chiffon dress, with an army blanket thrown around her for comfort, presumably.

The problem of heat and air in offices is not confined to the winter season. In the summer, the official quoted above declared that the battle rages amongst his female assistants, between those who demand the cooling breeze of an electric fan and those who shrink from the artificial blast with dread and aversion. Last summer this official, after trying in vain to properly separate the advocates and opponents of electric fans, announced that anyone who was not satisfied could quit. Nobody did, but this drastic action brought only a measure of temporary relief to the harassed office head.

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**Whitman's Christmas Candies**  
CIGARS in Holiday Boxes  
Fountain Pen and Pencil Sets  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
THE MUSIC SHOP  
F. A. FARRIS, Prop.  
Edison Console No. 4

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**  
GIVE HER A PERMANENT THIS CHRISTMAS  
All Beauty Aids and Expert Service  
MISS HELEN WHITE,  
Beauty Specialist  
YOUNG AND FOLEY'S  
BARBER SHOP

**Merry Christmas TO ALL**  
PRACTICAL GIFTS  
We have just received many articles bought especially for the discriminating trade of Elba.

COME IN AND LOOK THEM OVER  
**BEALL'S**

**1928 Christmas Cheer Joyous New Year 1929**  
Serving the Public of Elba through  
25 CHRISTMAS SEASONS

Such service MUST be merited.  
**THE ELBA DRUG COMPANY**  
D. J. BROOKS, Prop.  
Elba, Alabama

**Health and Happiness**  
We Wish a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS  
and thank them for the patronage given us throughout the year.

**LINDSEY MERCANTILE COMPANY**  
ELBA, ALABAMA

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
Everything In NOVELTIES  
Plenty of Oranges Cheap,  
Just from Florida  
by Truck.  
All kinds of  
**FIREWORKS**  
**THE VARIETY STORE**  
Elba, Alabama

**Yuletide Greeting**  
May Your Christmas Be Joyous  
Have You Seen the Many Distinctive Gifts we have in Stock?  
**THE WYROSICK COMPANY**

**We Wish You Health and Happiness 1928-29**  
And thank you heartily for the splendid patronage throughout 1928.  
We will serve you in the same efficient manner in 1929  
**O. DOWLING**  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

**May Your Christmas Be Merry 1928**  
The confidence you have placed in us during the past year has been appreciated.  
**WHEN YOU THINK OF GROCERIES Think of**  
**SAWYER CASH GROCERY**  
R. O. SAWYER, Prop.  
Always a complete line of Staple & Fancy Groceries At Prices That Are Right.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS WE WISH YOU A VERY**  
**A Joyous Christmas To All**  
Peace On Earth—  
Good Will To Men  
At this season of joy and good cheer the  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
wishes you the season's greetings.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ELBA**  
L. A. BOYD, President, R. S. BOYD, Vice-President  
H. C. JOHNSON, Cashier, Luna Della Bryant, Asst. Cashier.  
T. H. DEAL, Assistant Cashier.  
"There Is No Substitute For Safety."

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 9 years old. I want you to bring me a doll and a doll carriage; also fruit and nuts. Do not forget my mother and father and little sister too.  
Your little girl,  
Mavin Chance.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want you to bring me a doll and a doll carriage; also fruit and nuts. Do not forget my mother and father and little sister too.  
Your little girl,  
Eltie Chance.

**Food For Christmas Dinner**  
Holly and Mistletoe Canapés  
Capers Curry Soup  
Roast Sucking Pig  
Bread Stuffing  
Apple  
Stuffed Sweet Potatoes  
Baked Onions  
Stringless Beans  
Mock Hollandaise  
Lettuce Salad with Russian Dressing  
Cheese Stew  
English Plum Pudding  
Pumpkin and Hard Sauce  
Nuts  
Stern  
Holly Canapés

**RETURN ADDRESSES ON CHRISTMAS MAIL**  
First Assistant Postmaster  
General,  
Washington, Dec. 5, 1928.  
The attention of postmasters is directed to the fact that in January every year the post-office service receives between three and four million dual letters containing Christmas and New Year greetings in addition to the normal receipts of ordinary undelivered letters.

**Wishing You a Merry Christmas**  
**OYSTERS A SPECIALTY**  
Finest Gulf Type  
Served Any Style  
**CONNER'S CAFE**  
B. F. CONNER, Prop.

**Our Best Wishes**  
**OYSTERS**  
Served Any Style  
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**STILL SAILING**  
but—  
No "SALES"  
Patrick & Kendrick  
"Reliable"

**Our Sincere Wishes for Your Happiness**  
Let's Make 1929 a Prosperous Year  
15 Years Successful Business.  
You Deserve the Credit.  
**E. F. BLOCKER**

**Christmas Cheer Happy New Year**  
Let's Give Gifts That Are Useful THIS CHRISTMAS  
We have a complete stock inviting your attention.  
**W. I. ENGLISH & SONS**  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE  
ELBA, ALABAMA

**Wishing You a Joyous Christmas**  
Make Your Christmas Dinner Still Better  
Get Your Meats HERE  
**PRESCOTT'S MARKET**  
D. F. PRESCOTT, Prop.  
ELBA, ALABAMA

**Merry Christmas Happy New Year**  
**ENGLISH BROTHERS COMPANY**  
Staple and Fancy Groceries  
Rolling Store at your door every week  
With service that counts.  
Now Buying Cream. Bring it in or see the Rolling Store

**Greetings to Our Friends and Customers 1928-29**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
To Our Friends and Patrons  
We thank each and every one of you for the splendid patronage accorded us during the year 1928, and trust that we may continue to merit your approval.

**STAR AUTO COMPANY**  
Elba, Alabama

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Elba, Alabama





Our Yuletide  
Greetings

May the Holidays Greet you with  
much happiness, and the New Year  
contain an abundance of prosperity.

Dorsey Brothers



Our Best Wishes  
to You 1928-29

A Merry Christmas

Those who are satisfied—  
Those who are dissatisfied—

SOUTHERN PAINT COMPANY



Christmas Greetings  
to All

To Our Customers and Friends:

May the unpleasant things of 1928 pass forgot-  
ten into history's pages and may 1929 bring you  
health, peace, happiness and prosperity.  
Is our HOLIDAY GREETING to you.

ELBA HARDWARE AND  
FURNITURE CO.



Wishing you a  
Happy Christmas  
1928

\$2.50 IN GOLD GIVEN AWAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24  
at showing of special Christmas Feature  
"THE LITTLE YELLOW HOUSE"  
With Orville Caldwell and Martha Sleeper, taken from the fa-  
mous book of the same name.  
Shows Start at 3 P. M. Usual Admission

Saturday, Dec. 22—TOM MIX and his wonder horse, Tony, in  
"KING COWBOY"

The greatest of all stars in his mightiest thriller.

THE ELBA THEATRE



Better Safe Than  
Sorry

We Wish You a Happy  
Christmas, 1928

F. H. Murphree Insurance Agency  
All Insurance Except Life

A SON

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crumpler, of New Brockton, last Sunday, Dec. 9. Mother and son are doing fine.

Miss Jehanne Shealy visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. Reynolds Smart, at Brundage, over the week-end. Mrs. Smart visited in Elba on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Mike Madrox went to Newton Tuesday morning to take charge of the Atlantic Coast Line station temporarily. He is on the extra board and it is only a matter of a short time until he will be given a regular position as agent at one of the company's stations.

Mrs. C. P. Haynes, Mrs. C. E. Dorsey and Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Franklin went to Montgomery, shopping, on Friday.

Miss Madge Page, popular teacher in M. P. Pleasant consolidated school, spent last week-end in Elba with her father, Mr. B. W. Page.

Mrs. Barney Cole and little son and Miss Margaret Ham, of Opa, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ham.

Bit Of Sheet Steel Falls  
From Sky In Greenville

GREENVILLE, Ala., Dec. 18.—A piece of sheet boiler steel three feet by four inches fell from the sky on Commerce Street this morning, narrowly missing several pedestrians. Just from whence came the steel is not known, but it is thought that it came either from the exhaust of a passing locomotive or from a plane.

Ladies' Dress Slipper, "Pe-  
ter's Diamond Brand," for  
\$1.95 per pair, at Mays-  
Vaughn Mercantile Company.

Ladies' Bedroom Slipper,  
selling now for only 38 cents  
per pair, at Mays-  
Vaughn Mercantile Company.

Compliments  
of the Season  
1928-29

CHRISTMAS 1928

To Our Friends and Customers:

More than anything else we value the personal  
friendship it has been our privilege to enjoy and  
which today seem to have become a part of our busi-  
ness.

It has been said there is no sentiment in busi-  
ness—but to us there is—something very human in  
business—at least in our business, and at this season  
of the year it is most pleasant to send you this per-  
sonal greeting—just between you and ourselves.

Our Christmas message is the sincere wish that  
the New Year may prove a most bounteous one for  
you in prosperity, health and happiness.

Sincerely,

SMITH BROTHERS

SAME STAND 19 YEARS

ALL NEXT WEEK

ALABAMA THEATRE, DOTHAN

AL JOLSON in "The Singing Fool"

Matinee Sunday, December 30th



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
1928

We extend the  
Season's Greetings  
to our friends  
and patrons.

KENDRICK CASH STORE  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE  
Elba, Alabama

Misses Beale B. Cain, Helen Hardie  
and Essie Belle Gilest visited in  
Dothan Sunday.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. 91,  
COFFEE COUNTY.

Sealed bids will be received by the  
State Highway Commission of Ala-  
bama at the office of the State High-  
way Department, Montgomery, Ala-  
bama, until 10 o'clock A. M., January  
23rd, 1929, and at that time publicly  
opened for surfacing 12.0 miles of  
road between Elba and Enterprise in  
Coffee County.

The principal items of work are  
approximately as follows:  
20000 Cu. Yds. Sand-Clay, one mile  
haul.  
10000 One-half mile units over-  
haul.  
10000 Cu. Yds. Pea Gravel.  
12.0 Miles Reshaping ditches.  
The State will furnish pea gravel  
P. O. B. Cars on sidings in the vicin-  
ity of the project.

Plans and specifications are on file  
in the office of the State Highway  
Department at Montgomery, Ala-  
bama. Any additional information  
may be secured from the Highway Di-  
rector, Montgomery, Alabama.  
The right to reject any or all bids  
is reserved.

Madames W. P. Boyd and M. C.  
Russ and Miss Emma Parris partici-  
pated in the program.

The next regular meeting of the  
club will be held at the home of Mrs.  
H. C. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brock, of En-  
terprise, were guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
S. H. Brooks Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Holloway and little son,  
Joe, of Greenville, are visiting  
Mrs. Holloway's mother, Mrs. Julia  
Sanders.

Mr. A. T. Harper, of New Brockton,  
was a pleasant caller at The Clipper  
office Saturday.

Mrs. Ebb Willis, Misses Joy Corby  
and Minnie Pearce went to Opa Sat-  
urday.

Mrs. Hinton Plovers, of Birming-  
ham, is visiting her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. O. S. Lightner.

Woolsey Finnell,  
Highway Director.

8 oz. Feather Ticking for 28  
cents a yard. Big value. Mays-  
Vaughn Mercantile Company.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT 41 and 50  
PIKE-COFFEE COUNTIES.

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road between Elba and Troy in  
Pike and Coffee Counties.

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Woolsey Finnell,  
Highway Director.

7-4 Unbleached Sheetting, 35  
cent yard, now only 28 cents  
per yard, at Mays-  
Vaughn Mercantile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hartley and two  
daughters, of Alexandria, La., are in  
Elba to spend the Christmas holidays.

Three spoils J. & P. Coats  
Thread for 10 cents at Mays-  
Vaughn Mercantile Company.

Table Oil Cloth, best qual-  
ity, now only 24 cents per yard,  
at Mays-  
Vaughn Mercantile Company.

YES, WE ARE READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Your Jitney-Jungle store announces ready for  
Christmas! Anticipating the full needs of our trade  
we have planned and bought well for Christmas  
shoppers. Everything in line foods you'll find ready  
for you—and at saving prices. See our window dis-  
plays and our package displays inside—and you  
know we are appreciative, for  
"Jitney-Jungle Always Thanks You"

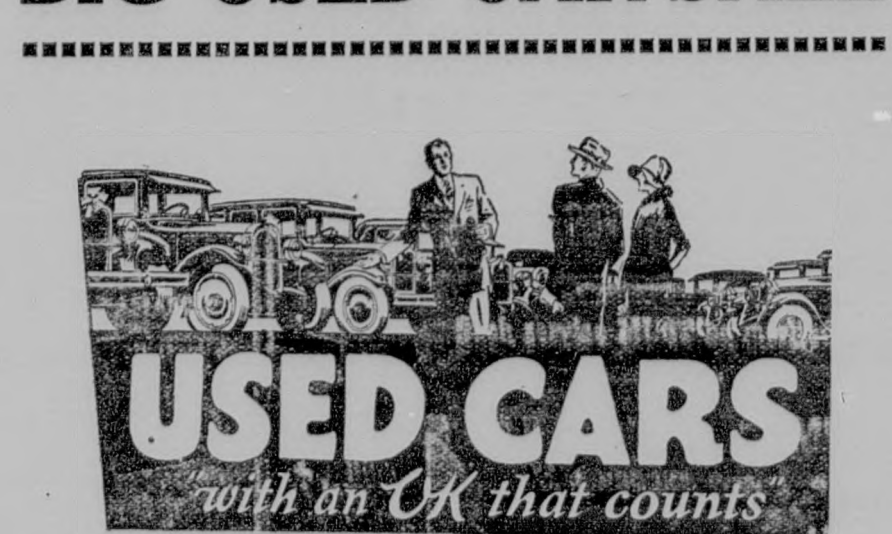
SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY

- LEMONS, Fancy, Dozen . . . 25c
- APPLES, Nice and Fresh, 25c & Up
- ORANGES, 250 to box, per dozen . . . 25c
- ORANGES, 150 to box, per dozen . . . 40c
- CRANBERRIES, per quart . . . 25c
- CANDIES, 2-pound box . . . 28c
- BABY RUTH, 3 for . . . 10c
- RAISINS, Sunmaid, 15 oz. box, 2 for . . . 25c
- WELCH'S GRAPE JUICE, pints . . . 30c
- WELCH'S GRAPE JUICE, 4 oz. . . 12c
- WELCH'S GRAPE JUICE, quarts . . . 55c
- LAYER RAISINS, 2 pounds for . . . 25c
- BANANAS, per dozen . . . 22c
- GRAPE FRUIT, Fancy, 3 for . . . 21c
- Guaranteed FLOUR, per sack . . . \$1.10
- (Plain and Self-Rising)
- 100 pounds OLD RIP SALT . . . \$1.00
- PEANUT OIL, per gallon . . . \$1.00

JITNEY-JUNGLE

SAVE A NICKEL ON A QUARTER  
Elba, Alabama

BIG USED CAR SALE



USED CARS  
with an OK that counts

BEGINNING

THURSDAY, Dec. 20th

We are offering a complete stock of re-conditioned  
automobiles at bargain prices, from \$50.00 up.

Every car bears an "OK" tag and the prices  
are lower than have ever been offered in Elba.  
Plenty of cars to pick from.

TERMS ARE EASY

Rainer Motor Co.

POOR ORIGINAL

FOR  
Over Thirty Years  
Coffee's  
Leading Newspaper

VOLUME XXXII.

WARD OPPOSES  
THE LONG ROAD  
BONDS PROPOSAL

Geneva Representative Charges Cam-  
paign Pledges Not Kept. Issues  
Statement That People Are  
"Fed Up" On Bonds

Opposition to the road bond issue  
proposed by Speaker J. Lee Long in  
case Gov. Bibb Graves calls an extra  
session of the legislature is voiced by  
R. S. Ward, Geneva County repre-  
sentative, in a letter to Col. Long, a  
copy of which was mailed to The Ad-  
vertiser for publication. Mr. Ward ex-  
presses the belief that the people are  
"fed up" on road bond issues and will  
not authorize an additional \$50,000-  
000 in the immediate future.

Mr. Ward assigns as one reason for  
this position, the failure, in his opin-  
ion, of the Highway Commission to  
live up to the promises made to Ge-  
neva Counties during the campaign  
which ratified the last \$25,000,000.  
He further points out that the peo-  
ple, indirectly, rejected a proposal to  
authorize an issue of \$75,000,000 by  
the defeat of a gubernatorial candi-  
date who ran on that issue in 1926.  
He takes the position that if \$75,000-  
000 was wrong in 1926, an additional  
\$50,000,000 on top of that recently  
authorized \$25,000,000 is wrong now.

Mr. Ward further asserts that Ge-  
neva County has not received its quo-  
ta of \$250,000 as promised under the  
last proposal and that he has been  
told that no more would be spent in  
his county until other counties get  
their quota. He cites figures from a  
Dothan publication to the effect that  
Dale, Houston, Butler and Tusculoo-  
sa had each received far in excess of  
the \$250,000—Tusculooosa receiving  
\$720,380.80.

"Paced with these facts," con-  
cludes Mr. Ward, "I am opposed to  
having an extra session of the legisla-  
ture in the near future." The full  
text of Mr. Ward's letter follows:

"Your letter of the 19th inst. mak-  
ing inquiry as to what my attitude  
would be as a member of the state  
legislature in regard to the road bond  
issue in the event the governor should  
see fit to call an extra session of the  
legislature, just received."

"You will allow me to be perfectly  
frank with you and give you my plain  
views on the subject. I have always  
tried to be progressive instead of  
reactionary and while it is my ear-  
nest desire to see my state make pro-  
gress industrially, educationally and  
in every other way consistent  
with its best interest, yet at the same  
time I think the good people of Ala-  
bama are fed up on bond issues and  
promises. I am in favor of better  
roads, but other states build roads  
without bond issues and have far bet-  
ter roads than we do.

"In the last gubernatorial race it  
was my judgment that if I had been  
elected to build roads with bonds, we  
ought to issue a reasonably large  
amount at one time, and thereby save  
the expense of frequent issues. I  
therefore favored an issue of \$75-  
000,000, but I was evidently wrong  
by their vote. Since that time we  
have voted favorably on a \$25,000-  
000 bond issue and now we are asked  
to support a measure favoring an ad-  
ditional issue of \$50,000,000 which  
means in effect coming to the posi-  
tion occupied by one of the candi-  
dates for governor in the last race,  
which said candidate was defeated at  
the polls. I say if it was wrong to  
issue \$75,000,000 worth of bonds  
then, it would be worse than wrong  
to do so now because of the heavy ex-  
pense incident to holding an extra ses-  
sion of the legislature.

"You will recall that during the  
campaign last year for the passage of  
the \$25,000,000 bond issue, the State  
Highway Department got out a map  
showing roads which they proposed to  
build with this money provided the  
issue carried. In our County of Ge-  
neva we used these maps for cam-  
paign hunting and explained to the  
voters that if the bonds were voted  
that we would get a road from Hart-

ford to the Florida line at Edo, as in-  
dicated on said map. They voted yes  
and the bond issue carried. Since  
that time Col. Woolsey Finnell has  
written several letters to the differ-  
ent counties who voted his office.  
The route was surveyed, I think, two  
or three times. We were informed  
by a member of the Highway Com-  
mission more than once that Ge-  
neva County had more than \$67,000 of  
its quota yet unpaid and that the  
amount would more than build this  
road of only eight miles, as it would  
require about \$45,000.

"About 30 days ago I wrote letters  
to Col. Finnell and to Gov. Graves  
pleading with them to build this  
stretch of road for Geneva County.  
Col. Finnell replied that my county  
had already received its quota practi-  
cally and that the governor had in-  
structed him not to spend any more  
money in this county until other  
counties received their quota also, and  
Gov. Graves has not shown me the  
common courtesy to answer my  
letter."

"The fact is, Mr. Long, that the  
quota to which Geneva County was  
justly entitled is not nearly exhaust-  
ed, and that it is not in a position  
to build this road. You will recall that we were told  
that we would receive a mini-  
mum of \$250,000 out of the last \$25-  
000,000 issue—I have before me now  
a copy of the Wigner newspaper pub-  
lished at Dothan yesterday, which  
contains a report of the distribution  
of the bond money by counties from  
Feb. 1, 1927, to Au-  
gust 28, 1928, and which is alleged  
to have been prepared by Col. Fin-  
nell. Just to show you how differ-  
ent counties fared under that dispen-  
sation, I quote as follows from said  
report:

Geneva County . . . \$ 58,655.93  
Dale County . . . 42,451.67  
Houston County . . . 558,826.17  
Covington County . . . 205,101.21  
Tusculooosa County (home  
county of Col. Finnell) . . . 720,380.80

"The report does show that Geneva,  
Coffee and Covington combined re-  
ceived on joint projects \$1,171,386.42,  
but fails to show what portion of that  
total was expended in Geneva. Even  
if I had received the whole of that,  
which we did not, and also the \$58-  
655.93 listed above, then Geneva  
would still be far short of having re-  
ceived her quota, as you will see.

"I am then, in the face of these  
facts, opposed to having an extra ses-  
sion of the legislature in the near fu-  
ture and it is my humble opinion that  
the paramount road problem facing  
the State of Alabama now is road  
maintenance. In event the govern-  
ment should call an extra session I  
shall be opposed to submitting an ad-  
ditional fifty million dollar bond issue  
to a vote of the people, because I  
think it would be a useless expendi-  
ture of time and money. I find a  
strong sentiment to that effect in  
various parts of the state. Answering  
your inquiry further, I am not willing  
to say that I would content myself  
with confining my activities to the con-  
sideration of nothing but the build-  
ing of roads, but I do wish the legisla-  
ture, perhaps, local legislation, should  
the governor see fit to call an extra  
session."

Mr. Ebb Willis, who is holding  
down a job on the Cairo (Ga.) Mail,  
saw Santa Claus with his fam-  
ily in Elba. Mr. Willis says he is  
well pleased with Cairo, but will  
move his family there for a while, at  
least.

Mr. Kirk Allred, of the U. S. Navy,  
is spending the holidays with his  
mother, Mrs. C. S. Allred.

Miss Carrie and Mr. Paul Vaughn,  
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MOBILE CRASHES

The holiday season in Elba passed  
off comparatively quietly, although  
the use of fireworks, which is not  
restricted by police in the downtown  
area. No casualties from the use of  
these noise-makers have been re-  
ported.

Christmas Eve has to its credit sev-  
eral minor automobile smash-ups,  
which they ordinarily drive. Two or  
three rather complete wrecks went to  
be seen along the highway Christmas  
morning.

Old Forts, with their  
Christmas knock aways, stood at rak-  
ish angles along the banks of the road.  
The municipal calabash held open  
for Christmas eve until its portals  
were filled to overflowing.

All in all, though, the holiday  
passed off about the same as usual.  
Not much better, and not much worse.  
The majority of our citizens spent  
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iting Christmas and friends. All busi-  
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